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In re Application)	<u>PATENT APPLICATION</u>
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Application No.: 09/944,063)	
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Title Apparatus for reading storage layer radiation Screens)	

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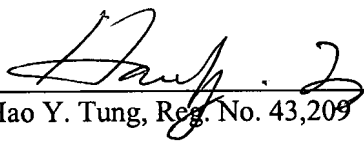
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